



# SPAR eNEWS

"Know the Happenings in Shreveport's Public Assembly and Recreation Department"

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## Therapeutic



Therapeutic Recreation's 11th Annual Holiday Dance was held at Riverview Hall on Dec 11. Our disabled participants and their families numbered 350 in attendance. All had a great time!

The Therapeutic Recreation Division's Christmas "Potluck" Party held on Dec 22 was a huge success. Everyone exchanged gifts and danced to Christmas carols and was entertained by the Community Angels of Hope bell ringers.

Mark your calendars for January 21, 2010. The Therapeutic Division will host a workshop entitled: "Individuals with disabilities living and working in the Community". This workshop will spotlight various agencies that assist individuals with disabilities and various diagnoses will be discussed. The purpose of the workshop is to increase the awareness of services offered to persons with disabilities as well as increase participants' knowledge of various diagnosis and populations served in Therapeutic Recreation.

## Athletics

The 2010 MLK Basketball Tournament will be held February 19-21, 2010. Tourney is open to Adult Men, Women, Coed, Therapeutic, and Youth Boys and Girl's basketball teams. A Job Corps Division is added for 2010. Entry deadline February 12, 2010. For information contact Mary Murphy at 318.673.7776 or Kronski Grigsby at 318.673.7749. For Therapeutic tourney info call Yolanda Bumcon @ 318.213.0435.

## New Year Resolution?



SPAR has a number of ways to help you fulfill your new year's resolution. If it's to get in better shape or lose weight, most of our 15 community centers have exercise equipment, some with weight rooms. All free to the public. Many centers have aerobics, dancing, karate and other programs to get you in the best shape of your life! Many centers have jogging trails or jog on the beautiful Clyde Fant Parkway overlooking the Red River.

Have you resolved that 2010 is the year you will master the computer? Well SPAR offers computer classes along with pottery classes, quilting classes, ceramics, arts & crafts and many other activities to exercise your mind. For more information on SPAR's programs and facilities visit [www.myspar.org](http://www.myspar.org). Helping to improve the quality of life in Shreveport day by day. SPAR for a lifetime of fun!

## Youth Programs

December was jam packed with events for SPAR's After-School and Winter Camps. There was a special Christmas Laser Light Show at the Barnwell Center, parties for SPAR's championship football and basketball teams at Hattie Perry and Valencia Park Community Centers. As well as a special "kick off" for the Caddo/Bossier Soccer Association indoor soccer program at Airport Park Community Center. There were also Christmas parties at each of the 15 Community Centers. The 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Merry Berry Christmas Festival at Bilberry Park was spectacular and well-attended by our families and kids. Santa received lots of letters from SPAR Kids in his SPAR mailboxes, and the SPAR elves helped him answer each individually.

The New Year will bring new artists to the After-School Program. One will work with the After-School kids on making their own storybooks, and another will add more dimensions to the kids' painting and drawing. It's going to be a great and special year for our SPAR Kids in 2010! For more info contact Robin Jenkins, Youth Coordinator at 318.213.0434.

## Upcoming Events

January 1 • New Year

January 9 • 2nd Annual Wheelchair Clinic Southern Hills 9:30am

January 11 • Free Haircuts Andrew Currie 4:00pm

January 15 • Celebration of Trees Planting Clyde Fant Pkwy 10:00am

January 18 • MLK Day Centers Closed

February 12 • Entry Deadline MLK Basketball Tourney

February 19 - 21 MLK Basketball Tourney

**Happy New Year!**



For all Shreveport/Bossier events check out:



## Photo Contest



**"Take A Pic, & Win A Tee"** photo contest. Take a fantastic photo of your family, friends and you enjoying a SPAR facility or event and win a T-shirt! Or take a great shot of a sunset, building or other subject at a SPAR location. Contest open to all except SPAR employees and their family.

Email photograph to: [frederick.lewis@shreveportla.gov](mailto:frederick.lewis@shreveportla.gov)

Include "Photo Contest" in subject. Include relevant names, event and facility. Must be recent photograph.

## Senior Happenings

SPAR Seniors ended their year feasting on hearty Christmas luncheons at each Recreation Center. Some prepared fruit baskets, lap blankets and even did a little caroling, as they visited family and friends in the various nursing homes. Finally in the Computer area, 65 Seniors were awarded certificates for completion of Basic or Advance Computers at a graduation ceremony held at Hattie Perry Park.

New first quarter classes will begin on January 11, 2010. Second quarter classes start on April 5, 2010. Registration will be from March 1, 2010 thru March 19, 2010 at each center. For more info call Camille Webb at 318.673.7845 or visit [www.myspar.org](http://www.myspar.org).



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